

JOHN T. THOMAS HOME.

NEAR WASHINGTON, ARK. (5 miles N.E.)

Hempstead Co.

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DISTRICT No 32.

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY.

LAWSON L. DELONY. DISTRICT OFFICER.

807 SOUTHERN BLDG. LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

JOHN T. THOMAS HOUSE  
Five miles northeast of Washington  
Hempstead County  
Arkansas

HISTORICAL NOTES:

Located about 5 miles Northeast of Washington, Hempstead County, Arkansas, and about a half mile North of the Old Military Road. The house is an attractive one story frame house built about 1869, and was built under the supervision of Mr. Barksdale, using lumber from a saw mill owned by Mr. Holt. The house is in a fairly good state of preservation at the present time.

Mr. John T. Thomas, who was quite a wealthy man, built this house as the home of his bride. He married Miss Sarah Holt, daughter of Judge Milton T. Holt, and the house was the scene of many social functions of Washington society.

The plantation was settled in 1858 by Samuel H. Thomas, father of John T. Thomas. Mr. John T. Thomas was a lumberman, served on the State Board of Charities and <sup>was</sup> connected with the Lesser Goldman Cotton Co. of St. Louis.

The house is now owned by Mr. John Haynss, Hope, Arkansas.

Source of information:  
Mrs. Kate Holt, Washington, Arkansas.

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ARCHITECTURAL NOTES:

The main façade of this one story frame house is symmetrical. Pilasters and a classic-looking entablature decorate the front. In the center of the front porch is a triumphal arch resting on six square columns with sunken panels. The spandrels of the arch are panelled, and a parapet above the arch hides the projecting gable roof. The remainder of the porch has small square columns on pedestals and a railing of turned balusters. Rain conductor heads at each corner of the porch are decorated with stars.

At the rear of the building are two kitchens, one of them having a chimney of the "freestanding" type.

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